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The heat is on ...

A Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) helicopter flies over Stanhope Airport in Algonquin Highlands Monday. The MNRF Stanhope headquarters is helping to battle fires across Ontario this week. Meanwhile, the fire chiefs of Haliburton County have issued a total fire ban for the county. "With several municipalities declaring a fire ban we are available to provide support," said the MNRF's Shayne McCool. He added, "We have several crews at the Stanhope and Pembroke airports along with one intermediate and one belly tanker helicopter at each airport to support our municipal partners as well as our own areas of responsibilities. Crews and aircraft have been working long days with excellent results on all local fires." As of Wednesday, the county-wide fire ban was still in effect. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Motorcyclist survives collision with moose

By Felix Wong

June 12, 9:30 p.m. It was an ordinary night for motorcyclist Shawn Stoughton, cruising down Highway 503 on his beloved Harley-Davidson, until it turned into every biker's worst nightmare. As he was turning the corner on Tamarack Lake Road, where he lives with his wife and two sons, he beeped his horn, waving to a friend on the nearby road.

Then, suddenly, he was unconscious, lying face-up in a ditch full of snapping turtles, his wife and kids hovering over him as they

waited for paramedics to arrive. Stoughton had just hit a moose.

"I don't remember the impact. I had no time whatsoever to react ... I saw the moose but it was just for a millisecond," he told *The Highlander* during a recent interview. Stoughton remembers going, "just a touch over the speed limit," but admits it was too fast for that time of day.

"There was no braking, no skidding, just 50 miles an hour and then ...," he said, his voice trailing off.

Stoughton's wife was doing laundry

outside their house when the accident happened. "She heard my bike coming – they have loud pipes on them – then she heard what she claims was the smack, the impact. She knew. She didn't have to guess. She knew it was me," he said.

She raced outside with Stoughton's sons and saw the dead moose and the bike on the ground, but couldn't find Stoughton – he had landed in a ditch 30 feet away.

The first responders who arrived soon after told him: "Don't move. You've just hit a moose."

He was taken by ambulance to Haliburton and the responders loaded him straight into a helicopter. "I knew I was in trouble when I was getting loaded into that chopper," he said.

Stoughton ended up spending seven long days in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. His brain was bleeding, he had lacerations in his liver, he broke his eighth and ninth ribs, broke his kneecap, tore the meniscus out of his knee, broke a bone in his hand and slightly separated the vertebrae in his neck. He was in a neck brace and couldn't

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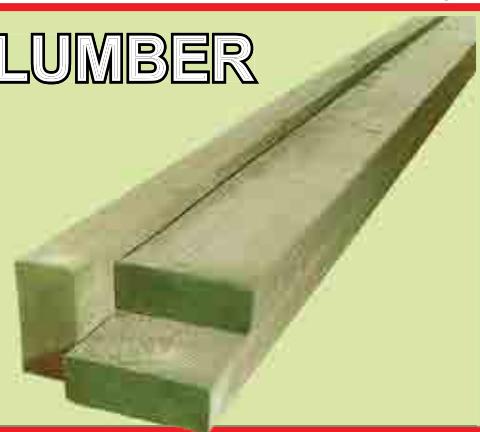
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Shawn Stoughton stands next to his Harley-Davidson motorcycle in his father's garage on July 5. Photo by Felix Wong.

Victim gives advice about protective gear

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get off his back for two days. He was hooked up to IV for three.

"I turned 48 in Sunnybrook, had my Father's Day in Sunnybrook and went back for hand surgery on my 24th wedding anniversary," said Stoughton. "They [the doctors] were originally talking about rehab. They didn't know if I could walk again because my knee was as big as an NFL football."

Eventually, the bleeding in his brain and liver stopped and he was taken off IV and given normal medication. Stoughton used a walker for a few days and was soon pushing the walker ahead of him and then walking to it. After a physiological check-up, the doctors decided he didn't need rehab, and he ended up making a miraculous recovery – checking himself out of hospital after a mere week.

Almost a month after the accident, he stepped into his dad's garage, where the bike is stored. He was instantly overcome with emotion, burying his face into his tattooed forearm to stifle his tears. Stoughton claimed he'll never ride again and has plans to possibly fix up the bike with his dad and sell it.

"It would be a selfish act [to ride again] ... I have my life, I have my family – the bike is worth nothing."

The motorcycle is surprisingly intact, with only a handful of dents here and there and a few plates of shattered glass and metal lying on its seat. A metal Harley-Davidson badge also broke off during the incident but curiously, a small cross has been left hanging from the handlebars. Stoughton attributes much of his astonishing survival and recovery to God.

"My mother noticed this here after the accident," he said, cradling the cross in his hand, "she says it's the reason I survived."

"Definitely," he responded, when asked whether he agreed or not.

"I'm just really grateful," he said, reflecting on everything that's happened since the accident. "For my family, for my brothers, my mom and my dad. My wife, first and foremost. My kids," he added, choking up.

"I've got a bit of post-traumatic stress. That kind of terminology ... I get it, I understand it but where there's a will there's a way. You have to learn from your mistakes and hopefully help somebody else."

Stoughton wants to reach out to other motorcyclists and tell them to pick out proper protective gear and a Department of Transportation (DOT) certified helmet.

"It's not about being cool," he said, calling out riders who strip down to shorts and sandals in the sweltering heat. "And don't ride at night. If you're stuck riding at night in this neck of the woods, you need to respect your speed and know that around every corner, anything could be there. Even if it's a racoon, it's enough to throw you off your bike."

Stoughton is a plumber and has been out to only a handful of jobs since the accident. He's making a slow recovery at home, surrounded by his wife and two kids, aged 18 and 23. He plays in the Haliburton rock band Wescali with one of his sons and is looking forward to jamming again once his hand is back to normal.

Get-well cards and gifts from friends and family are clustered in the centre of Stoughton's dining room table.

"It's hard to smile right now," said Stoughton, as his picture was taken for the paper in front of the busted motorcycle he's driven for over 48,000 miles. He's been riding since the age of 20.

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The husband and wife team of Aaron and Melissa Walker. They became the primary shareholders of McKecks Tap & Grill on July 1. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

McKecks in local hands

By Mark Arike

McKecks Tap & Grill is once again completely locally-owned.

Chef Aaron Walker and his wife Melissa took ownership of the popular Haliburton establishment on July 1. They bought out primary shareholders Maarten and Laura Steinkamp.

"I think McKecks has a great spirit to it," said Walker, 48, in an interview. "I love the tradition behind it."

In 2009, Maarten, a record executive and entrepreneur, purchased the restaurant from its founder Walt McKechnie. Walker joined the team as chef and a shareholder two years later. Longtime general manager and events coordinator Karen Frybort has also had a stake in the company and will remain a small shareholder.

Although the Steinkamps were primary shareholders, Walker and Frybort have been in charge of the operation for some time. Maarten cottages in the area but spends most of his time in Europe.

The four of them began discussing the transaction five years ago but didn't get into the specifics until two-and-a-half years ago, said Walker. They expected to sign the deal last year but postponed due to their busy schedules.

Originally from Toronto, Walker got into the restaurant business when he was a teenager. He took cooking courses at George Brown College and apprenticed with several distinguished chefs, including Restaurant Makeover star Lynn Crawford. At the age of 30, he obtained his Red Seal papers.

Walker visited the Haliburton area for many years and permanently relocated in 2006. He worked for McKechnie for a couple of months and went on to become chef at Minden's Grill on the Gull for five years.

From a young age, he knew he wanted to

eventually own a restaurant.

"I didn't actually envision that McKecks would be that restaurant ... but I love living in Haliburton, and it's a sustainable business and a huge part of the community. It just seemed like a natural evolution," he said.

He calls the business a family affair. Melissa is manager and their boys, 17-year-old Taggar and 22-year-old Cole, work in the kitchen.

Walker is grateful for the contributions of his team members, past and present.

"I think Walt laid down the foundation and built the clientele. Maarten and Laura elevated the décor. When I came on board, I elevated the culinary aspect," he said.

Walker also recognized Frybort, who has been a staple of the business for 25 years.

"We value Karen immensely. She's both part of the heritage behind us and the future in front of us."

He doesn't plan on implementing any major changes in the foreseeable future but wants to make improvements wherever possible. This includes service and food quality.

He wants to maintain the restaurant's community involvement by supporting events and organizations.

Outside of the restaurant, Walker plans to continue volunteering his time as coordinator of the Food for Kids program. He's also taking his second run at a Dysart council seat.

Maarten told *The Highlander* he and his wife have been "extremely proud to be involved in such an iconic restaurant, not only to support the business where and when needed but also to look after a piece of heritage which is closely involved in the community."

He said selling to the Walkers was the right choice and thanked Frybort for being "an amazing general manager and dear friend."

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Suspect in Palmer murder case gets bail

A Fenelon Falls man, charged in the death of Bowmanville resident David Palmer, has been released on bail. Brian Gray, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Attorney General, confirmed the recent development.

In the fall of 2016, police arrested and charged William Savage, then 47 years old, with first-degree murder. He was apprehended a year after Palmer's disappearance. Investigators found Palmer's abandoned car near Spruce Lake Trail, a few kilometres north of Haliburton Village, on Oct. 2, 2015. His remains were recovered seven months later in the Spruce Lake area. Palmer was 48 years old at the time of his death.

The matter is returning to the Peterborough courthouse on Aug. 8 for a pre-trial.

As of press time, the Crown's office hadn't returned a message seeking further comment. (Mark Arike).

Three charged in double homicide

OPP have charged three people in connection with a double murder in Highlands East in late January. Police said on Wednesday that Jesse James Wallace, 36, and Lindsay Elisabeth Luise Ainsworth, 37, both of St. Catharines, have been charged with two counts each of second degree murder and two counts each of indignity to human remains.

Another person, Alexis Adele Yorke, 36, of St. Catharines, is also charged with two counts of accessory after the fact to murder.

On Jan. 21, 2018 Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of human remains found in the area of Glamor Lake Road. The deceased are Deidra Ann Smith, 35, and Ghislain (Justin) Robichaud, 34, of St. Catharines. Post mortem examinations determined they were both victims of foul play. The accused were remanded into custody and were scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines on July 11.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP crime unit continues to investigate and has set up a tip line. Anyone having information is asked to contact at 1-844-677-5010, Haliburton Highlands OPP 705-286-1431, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or khcs.ca. (Lisa Gervais)



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Most Gooderham Lake septic systems pass test

By Mark Arike

More than half of the 161 septic systems inspected on Gooderham Lake between May 11 and June 11 are in good shape.

Student maintenance inspectors Jacquelyn Curphey and Tanya James reported their recent findings to Highlands East council on July 4. They were hired by the municipality as part of the septic re-inspection program.

Ninety-two properties (57 per cent) fell into the low-risk category, 50 (31 per cent) were moderate risk, 12 (7.5 per cent) high risk and seven (four per cent) very high risk. A damaged or corroded tank, damaged filter bed and visible effluent are on the high-risk checklist.

After inspections are completed, homeowners receive a short questionnaire that asks for details about their property, the type of system they have and their source of drinking water. Once the information is submitted and analyzed, the municipality distributes a follow-up letter to let them know if their system has passed the initial test or they require a follow-up inspection.

Of the 108 property owners who returned their questionnaires, seven had new systems installed within the last five years and didn't require an inspection. Seven steel tanks were found.

On June 11, the students embarked on inspections on Dark Lake and Grace River in Wilberforce. There was a report of possible algae growth on this lake, Curphey and James reported.

Phosphorus from systems can result in blue-green algae blooms, which are very harmful to lake health.

The students will tackle upper and lower Paudash Lake next.

Chief building official Laurie Devolin continues to follow up with property owners from last year. To date, 78 of 126 have responded to her letters. Some have already



Student septic inspectors Jacquelyn Curphey, left, and Tanya James present a report to Highlands East council. Photo by Mark Arike

upgraded their systems.

"Some of them don't want to change, but they absolutely have to," said Devolin, adding some systems have failed.

But if someone claims they can't afford the upgrades, she said she can't force them to do anything. Devolin is hopeful the compliance number will increase during the

summer cottage season.

The purpose of the program is to ensure that existing systems don't have a negative impact on the watershed and public health. Last summer, two students visited 903 properties on seven lakes. Seventy-six per cent of systems were deemed low risk.

Municipality contributes \$4,700 for trail detour

By Mark Arike

The Paudash Trailblazers Snowmobile Club is getting a helping hand from Highlands East to develop a trail detour. Council recently approved a \$4,700 funding request, which will come from the trails and outdoor tourism advisory committee's reserves.

The club plans to create a one-kilometre reroute that connects to trail 608 between Anderson Trail and the Rail Trail near

Tory Hill. It's necessary because the club no longer has access to a trail on private land due to the property owner's wishes, according to Joan Barton, councillor and trails committee member.

"The municipality does not want to see snowmobilers forced on to [Highway] 118 at that point," Barton told The Highlander.

The contribution will pay for road allowance survey costs. Barton said the committee had extra money because it

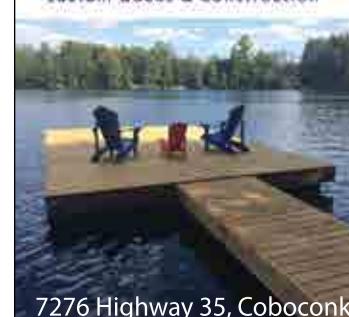
didn't spend all of last year's budget.

According to the club's slide presentation, the 608 trail is an "important link." Local traffic uses it to get to the gas station and restaurant in Wilberforce. It's also accessed by members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and clubs to the south.

The reroute will be a joint use trail for ATVs and hikers.



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Airport celebration grounded by resignation

By Lisa Gervais

The resignation of Stanhope Airport manager Cam Loucks has led to the cancellation of 50th anniversary celebrations at the Algonquin Highlands-based airport.

Mayor Carol Moffatt called a special council meeting last Thursday, July 5 to discuss the situation.

In a later telephone interview with *The Highlander*, she confirmed that Loucks had tendered his resignation on June 28 and his last day of work will be July 19, just two days before the celebration was to have taken place on July 21.

The township has posted the job opening. Loucks was with AH for four years.

Moffatt said council, on the recommendation of its airport committee, felt it had no choice but to cancel the event.

"While you certainly congratulate someone on their moving forward on their career and getting a bigger opportunity in their chosen field of work, it does leave us a wee bit high and dry for a big event," she said earlier this week.

"Obviously council is extremely disappointed, as I'm sure will be the volunteers who have been working for months on putting this event together."

However, she said that CAO Angie Bird

told councillors at the meeting that even Loucks, who did not attend the meeting, said he would be nervous about aviation-related activities taking place during the day without an airport manager on site. There was talk of aerobatics and possibly a military fly-over.

Moffatt added the other problem was council had planned to advertise the airport anniversary event alongside Stanhope Heritage Day, which will be held July 21. She said they were planning joint marketing, but in order to properly promote Heritage Day, they had to make a decision.

Going forward, Moffatt said it is technically business as usual at the airport.

They do have someone in mind to act as a fill-in. People can still take off and land, get fuel via a card lock system, use the outdoor washrooms and grab something to eat at the food truck.

"Airport managers don't grow on trees," Moffatt conceded of the recruitment process. She added that airports of Stanhope's size are often used as stepping stones in aviation careers.

"Managing the air side takes a qualified airport manager. It's not a matter of someone saying 'I like airplanes, I'll run the airport.' That's not how it works. It's a qualified position and a department head position."



Stanhope Airport manager Cam Loucks at the airport earlier this week. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"But, this is not a crisis. This is a disappointment."

Coun. Brian Lynch, who sits on the airport board, told *The Highlander* he is disappointed "but we all hope that something can be worked out later this year."

Loucks told *The Highlander*, "I'm moving on to another opportunity but I'm keeping

it quiet until I get there and settle in. I'm staying in the aviation/airport industry."

Asked if he couldn't have stuck around an extra two days so the event could take place, he said, "Unfortunately no, I tried, but there is training set up for me in the States starting Monday morning so I need the travel time to get there on Saturday and Sunday."



Thousands without power after Hydro pole fire

A hydro pole fire knocked out power to more than 11,000 residents and business owners for several hours on July 6. The pole, located off County Road 21 near Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd, had a broken switch, which caused the electricity to arc resulting in a "small pole pop fire," according to Hydro One communications officer Nancy Clark. Hydro crews had to turn off the power to install a new pole. No one was injured, she said. Most customers had their power back by 2 p.m. (Mark Arike)

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Time for town surveillance

Haliburton County is quite a peaceful place. Unlike densely-populated cities, where shootings, home invasions and other violent crimes are a weekly occurrence, we've got it pretty good.

But every once in awhile, we report on something that reminds us our quaint county isn't immune to reprehensible acts.

Last week's break-in at Haliburton's Lily Ann Thrift Store is a perfect example. Although no one was hurt and nothing valuable was stolen (it's a thrift store, after all), the troubling part was what the suspect(s) did while inside. They urinated and bled on clothes, leaving volunteers no option but to throw the donated items out. They also smashed a window at the rear of the building and left several items on the ground. All they made away with was some second-hand jewelry.

There was also a break-in at The Dock Spot in Tory Hill. The unknown criminal(s) got into a trailer and stole a large amount of cash, according to police. We don't know if the crimes are connected.

And, at the end of May, a significant break-in and theft occurred at The Source

on Haliburton's main drag in the wee hours of the night. More than \$10,000 in merchandise and cash was stolen. Even some Rotary car draw tickets were pilfered.

At the time, Source owner Don van Nood said he'd like to see more cameras installed in the village. He thought it could be a joint project between the municipality and Downtown Haliburton BIA.

It's a great suggestion and one that needs to be researched.

Although some businesses like van Nood's have one camera on-site, it usually isn't enough to capture a good image of the perpetrators. Cameras along the main street—like closed-circuit television (CCTV) in other parts of the world—would certainly give investigators more to work with.

And, just as important, it could act as a deterrent.

A 2013 review by the College of Policing in the UK revealed that CCTV is "effective at reducing theft of and from vehicles." It found there was a small reduction in crime in city and town centres, "but one that was insufficiently clear to draw conclusions

about the effectiveness of CCTV."

BIA president Luke Schell told *The Highlander* the organization's board members

discussed cameras a

few years ago. But due to concerns about the cost, technical requirements and the possibility of footage being subpoenaed, they didn't look into it further.

Well, now's the time to bring it back to the table. Find out what it will cost with today's technology, look into privacy laws and approach the municipality to see if they'd get behind it.

Some people may feel uneasy about 24-hour surveillance, but it's time to look out for the businesses and charities that have heavily invested in making this community a better place.

I'm sure it would give shopkeepers and the 4Cs volunteers some peace of mind.



By Mark Arike

Clarifying the legend of the cidot

A cidot. I'm sure nine out of 10 of you know what this is and chances are the tenth one in that group—quite poetically no less—is the fabled cidot. Cidiots (there's even an Urban Dictionary page for it, proving that it's not just a Haliburton thing) are basically defined as urban dwellers who have no idea about rural life and frankly have little interest in learning about it. Furthermore, they often (as the definition spells out) have a noticeable disdain for country folk, considering them uneducated rubes, essentially the servant class. As you can obviously tell, this archetype/stereotype carries with it a whole heaping helping of disdain, from all sides.

So, let's clarify some things. First off, not everyone who comes from the city is a cidot. There are actually urban folk who know how to build fires and stack wood and hunt wild boar with their bare hands (if, of course, we had wild boar). Secondly, there are rural dwellers among us who have cidot attitudes. Not so much the wild boar part, but the disdain part. I know of enough country folk who have this weird and largely unjustified antagonistic relationship with the cidiots. These people (rubes) hate everything about the city including those

who live there and furthermore, come here. The last part is extremely puzzling, mainly because if the country rubes did their homework, they'd realize how much of their livelihood actually depends on the bucks (not the male deer, fellow rubes) brought in from the city.

When you place all these colourful stereotypes on the table, you soon discover there's a LOT of unnecessary distance voluntarily created between these groups. Frankly, it's a stupid way to act, regardless of where you hang your baseball cap or derby. It speaks to intolerance.

From the rube, yes you are correct in saying that there are some uber-clean (check out that pedicure) city folk who find the world of forests and lakes and bugs and fish to be, well, yucky. And for the urban tribe out there, yes there are rural citizens who are less educated (school-wise, not survival wise) than you feel they should be. But within that chasm lies a lot of room for assistance and discovery. It's our attitudes that need to change, not what we call our homes.

Cidiots (those of you still reading this) and rubes (those of you who can read) can greatly help one another as long as you're

both willing to soften your stance just a little. Pull back the reins on that pompous attitude OK? You both like to believe you're above it, but neither of you currently are (yeah, I ended with a preposition. Deal with it). The irrational lust you feel for your Audi 5000 whatever is the same weird engine love that guy feels for his Ford duel hemi whatchamacallit pickup truck. Truly. We have a breakthrough! And that fish that that rube is currently filleting to eat over his campfire is the same fish you just paid \$97 a pound for. The rube just cut the fisherman and butcher out of the deal and he can teach you.

The vast amount of similarities you both share will shock you if you give it a chance. You're both essentially after the same thing whether you believe it or not. Rest assured you both like getting your hands dirty, it's just that one of you would rather do it metaphorically, and we can work with that.



By Charlie Teljeur



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What will you be doing to beat the heat?

Photos and interviews by Felix Wong



Scott Walling

Peterborough

I'll be swimming at the new sculpture forest's dock.



Mary Donely

Ottawa

I'll be cooling off in the lake.



Karen Hickling

Scarborough

I'll be going to the cottage, sitting outside, enjoying the lovely weather.



Danny Mariani

Toronto

I'll be taking a course at Fleming College.



Cathy Taylor

Minden

I'll be in the air-conditioned classroom at Fleming College.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Gordon Gibb took this photo of a sunset on Wenona Lake (formerly Little Dudmon) in mid-June from his place on Bear Paw Road in Dysart et al, about 15 minutes from Haliburton. *Submitted photo.*



Guenther Horst snapped this photograph of a deer relaxing on his lawn. *Photo submitted.*

Deer acting queerly as I steer

Those of you who have nothing better to do than read my column regularly (poor souls) will know that my mode of transport has been an old red Chevy Silverado. For those of you who are not inclined to waste precious moments reading about my life in Haliburton (until now), said truck is a tad dented, somewhat rusty and not at all attractive in any way. Not a looker at all, so to speak. But, while I love my old truck, such affairs of the heart must always come to an end and I have recently got a new truck, a big shiny white one, complete with chrome bumpers, electric mirrors and a company logo. And this truck is really rather sexy.

The trouble is that my new truck is a magnet. Not a metal magnet but more kind of how some women are dubbed man

magnets. Only my truck doesn't attract men or women, it seems to be irresistible to deer. Whenever, wherever I drive in my new shiny truck deer seem to line the road gawping and staring as I zoom past. Some even rush out and try to touch my new shiny truck, so enamored are they by its polished curves and twinkling grill. Tis as if the message of my coming is passed with lightning speed before me as I drive into the village and deer from all parts of the forest jump, gallop and race to be roadside, just itching to leap in front of me as I pass.

This may sound rather far fetched to you, and as I try to explain the phenomenon of my deer magnet truck it sounds pretty crazy to me too, but I can honestly say that I have seen more deer at close quarters in the last month than I've been privy to in

the previous four years. I might even call it intimacy as my eyes widen in that split second of flashing by a running deer or more slow motion as I slam on the anchors to avoid deer stew. One four-legged fellow even stood in my driveway next to my truck, looking kind of sheepish, if a deer can look sheepish, when I went out to go to work the other morning. I've never seen a deer at my house, I have a resident hound dog for Pete's sake, but there it stood, a young buck guiltily eyeing my truck when I stepped out of my front door. What it had been doing to my truck I have no clue, and it didn't hang around to tell me.

Of course, occurrences like this have their benefits; my parents-in-law are bowled over by all the wildlife sightings, they think the deer are wonderful. I know, however,

The Outsider



By Will Jones

to what lengths these deer will go to when it comes to a deer magnet truck. I've seen the carnage and I'm living in fear of one of these love-struck creatures flinging itself onto my irresistible truck.

The only solution I can think of is to get my shiny new truck as dirty, rusty and dented as possible quickly. That way the deer will fall out of love with it. Albeit my boss (I mentioned the company logo didn't I) might fall out of love with me too, cause it's his truck.

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Minden gets 23 new child care spaces

By Mark Arike

The City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) has secured \$750,000 from the Ministry of Education to add an extra 23 child care spaces at Compass Early Learning and Care – Minden. Ten are for infants, five for toddlers and eight for preschoolers. The centre, which is the town's only licensed child care facility, will have 48 spaces.

They've also received the same amount of money to open 25 more spots at the Bobcaygeon Nursery School and Day Care.

"In reviewing the capital program, both of these communities were identified as being in high need of additional child care spaces," said Rod Sutherland, CKL director of human services.

The additional spaces in Minden were to be filled this fall but plans changed due to how late in the year Compass took over from the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) Haliburton Victoria Brock Inc.

"Originally, we thought if we had been able to ... come to an agreement earlier, our plan was to move the daycare to the school [ASES] in the summer and have it open by the fall," said Compass CEO Sheila Olan.

They plan to expand the current building on Prentice Street once they've found a temporary location in Minden. She anticipates the new spaces will be available



Twenty-three spaces will open up at Minden's only licensed child care facility on Prentice Street. *File photo.*

at the end of September 2019. However, families can apply to the waiting list.

The funds for Minden are coming from the ministry's Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program.

CKL staff discovered there are no licensed spaces for 171 infants in Haliburton County. Only 15 per cent of infants, toddlers and preschoolers up to and including four years

of age have access to licensed spaces.

As the provincially designated service system manager, CKL receives the funding and distributes it through agreements with the agencies. Less than a month ago, Compass, a non-profit, charitable corporation based in Peterborough, acquired the Minden centre from the OEYC.

Students earn \$5,000 for Cottage Dreams

By Mark Arike

After a brief hiatus in Haliburton, the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) has returned to deliver \$5,000 to Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative.

But it's because of the work of a few Grade 10 students that the money is going to the local charity.

In May, students in Paul Longo's civics class formed groups to select and research a charity. Abigail Kauffeldt, Grace Kim, Jonas Moghini and Hunter Chapple picked Cottage Dreams.

"We just kind of looked through the list our teacher gave us, and we found that one the most inspiring for us," said Kim in an interview. "A lot of us know cancer patients."

Founded in 2003, Cottage Dreams provides cancer survivors an opportunity to spend five days at a donated cottage. It's a chance for them to relax with friends and family. Cottages are in the Haliburton Highlands and throughout southern Ontario.

Kauffeldt and Kim interviewed program manager Debbie Farrell and typed up notes. Moghini and Chapple put together scripts and a slideshow. They presented their findings to classmates in the theatre on June 6. Other charities in the running included the Minden food bank, Community Living and the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County.

The winning group from 2016 picked them. They earned \$5,000 from the Toskan Casale Foundation, which started YPI in 2002.

"We were told it was really close between two groups," said Moghini of the outcome.



This year's YPI winners. From left, Grace Kim, Abigail Kauffeldt and Jonas Moghini. Absent: Hunter Chapple. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Cottage Dreams will use the money to place 10 families in local cottages this season. Although they've been researched by students in the past, this is the first time they've won.

"We're thrilled we were chosen," said Farrell. "It's going to provide a great benefit to the charity."

Due to operational expenses, a stay costs about \$500 per family. They've placed more than 20 families in cottages this year.

There is still time for cancer survivors to reserve a getaway. Cottage owners can also donate their property. For more information, visit cottage dreams.ca.

To learn about YPI, go to goypi.org.

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Moffatt last incumbent mayor to file papers

By Lisa Gervais

In what was an admittedly difficult decision for her, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt filed her nomination papers for the upcoming municipal election earlier this week.

That makes her the fourth incumbent mayor [Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin and Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton have all filed] to enter the race.

As of press time Wednesday, Moffatt was the only candidate for mayor of AH.

"Absolutely, this has been a difficult decision for me, based on 18 months of fairly challenging personal and family issues, being my mom's death and my dad's subsequent health issues," Moffatt told *The Highlander* on July 11.

She said she sought input from family and friends, talking to people in Algonquin Highlands and the County of Haliburton at large.

She said she was very appreciative of, and a bit humbled by, the overwhelming support she received for running again.

"That's nice."

Saying that, she also indicated she would have to shift her priorities and "I will be making some changes in my approach."

She said there is an excellent staff and council working relationship at AH, it's in good financial shape, there are a lot of projects on the go, and it's forward thinking.

She said she's pleased to have had some part in that and hopes to continue.

At the county level, she added there are a number of important conversations she'd like to continue to be a part of, including climate change, the CHA's work on lake and shoreline health, EORN (Eastern Ontario Regional Network) and high-speed internet, changes to policing, ambulance and fire acts, as well as municipal implications from the legalization of marijuana.

"My big thing is inconsistencies between provincial and municipal mandates and how local government will be affected by recent changes to the provincial government," she added.

At the age of 54, and going for a fourth term on council and a third term as mayor, Moffatt said, "I'm pleased with the work that's been done to date. I think all the people that served before me laid a good groundwork.

We're just the next set of stewards for a great community. It isn't about one person or one council. It's about a succession of people and councils that pick up the mantle and carry forward a philosophy.

"One of my primary goals has always been to try and educate and engage the public on municipal decision-making and that remains very important to me ... input, feedback and public engagement are very important. We don't get enough of that."



Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Submitted photo.

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Long-time HCSA volunteer remembered

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County snowmobile family is honouring a past president, who recently passed away.

Peter Ronald Overington died June 25, at the age of 85.

John Enright of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) told *The Highlander* that Overington "shaped winter recreation in the county in terms of snowmobiling."

The avid snowmobiler was not only a past president of the HCSA, but a vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs in the 90s. Overington was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden for 25 years.

Tributes have been pouring into the HCSA's Facebook page, where Overington is described as an "exceptional HCSA volunteer."

Honourary HCSA member Gwyen Bryant remembers the Overingtons checking out Haliburton County and considering taking up sledding for something to do in the winter when they rented a tiny place at South Lake near Minden in the late 1980s.

"It was our good fortune Peter's passion was ignited," Enright said.

The site also says, "Peter was passionate about all aspects of snowmobiling; especially health and safety, trail signs and what is known locally as The Rail Trail (Top Trail B103)."

"Peter Overington is the major reason we

enjoy this rail line as one of our showcase trails. His absolute determination and tenacity, a ton of paperwork and dozens upon dozens of personal appearances at meetings with the CNR, then owners of the line, and the County of Haliburton, made his dream and ours a reality."

Supertrax Magazine Publisher Mark Lester, who was on the HCSA board at the time, recalls no other user group participated in any of these difficult discussions. "He deserves full credit for his work."

He is also remembered for scoring signs from Expo 67 in Montreal and doing some of the first-ever local trail marking.

"Every HCSA trail was assigned a colour and marked ... this at a time when there

were no provincial signage standards for snowmobile trails or any real organized structure for a sign program. A pioneering move. Scores of these markers still dot our trails nearly 30 years later as a lasting memory."

A former employee of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, it was also Overington's idea to fit the HCSA shop and grooming equipment with the proper safety rigging and operator training. He authored a health and safety guidebook.

"Tenacity, determination, and organization are what comes to mind when you chat to those who knew Peter Overington. He will be missed. His mark is left forever on HCSA trails. A true one-off volunteer without equal."

It was Peter's wish for cremation and no services. Memorial donations to the Legion Poppy Fund or to the Salvation Army would be appreciated by the family.

It was our good fortune Peter's passion was ignited,

John Enright
HCSA

County councillors get pay raise due to federal tax change

By Mark Arike

At the start of next year, municipal politicians will no longer be able to use a one-third tax exemption instead of claiming expenses that come with the job.

With the federal legislative change, councillors in Highlands East recently decided to give themselves a raise to keep net pay the same as last year. The

additional cost to taxpayers will be about \$4,000 in 2019.

The only councillor who didn't vote in favour of the change was Cecil Ryall.

"I don't feel comfortable with that," said Ryall. "What I'd rather see is the original amount of money that we were receiving, that was allowed for expenses, so we can deal with the expense piece of it."

Coun. Joan Barton believed the pay raise

was the best option because she spends much more than the tax exemption makes up for.

"In my ward, there are things that need to be done to support all the various community initiatives I support," she said. "I don't think you should be penalized any more than you already are."

CAO Shannon Hunter presented three options to councillors. The other two

were: to not change anything, resulting in a \$2,200 annual increase; or add all documented expenses to remuneration. Hunter warned this could cost as much as \$10,000 and require councillors to track all additional time and expenses related to municipal business.

County councillors made the same decision at a meeting last month.



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Beach water testing program underway

By Felix Wong

Local residents are encouraged to watch for a variety of signs that beaches are safe for swimming, not just the obvious 'warning' ones posted by the Health Unit.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has launched its 2018 beach water testing program. Between now and Labour Day, Health Unit staff will take weekly water samples at nearly 45 public beaches in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Water samples from these beaches will be sent to the public health lab in Peterborough to test for bacteria such as E. coli. Based on test results, the health unit will determine if the water quality at a beach is safe for public use.

Beach water test results will be available by late Thursday or early Friday each week throughout the summer months. Results will be available online at hkpr.on.ca or by calling the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006. People can also follow the Health Unit on Twitter (twitter.com/HKPRDHU) or

Facebook (facebook.com/HKPRDHU) for the latest results.

Public health inspector Neha Gandhi advises residents and visitors to assess the safety of beaches before going into the water. The first indicator is the large yellow 'Warning' signs posted by the health unit when beaches are unsafe for use due to high counts of E. coli bacteria in the water.

"If you see these warning signs, it's important to heed their advice and stay out of the water for your own safety," Gandhi says. "While beaches are great for fun and recreation, they can also pose a health risk for swimmers in certain situations."

The health unit will remove these 'Warning' signs from a beach once testing shows E. coli bacterial levels in the water are within safe guidelines. However, people going to a beach can also look out for other warning signs that could affect the water quality.

"Heavy rain, high winds or wave activity can drive up bacterial counts in the water, making it unsafe for public use," Gandhi adds. "Another warning sign can be the



A health unit employee checks the water. *Photo submitted.*

presence of a large number of birds, such as geese or seagulls nesting near the beach. Fecal matter from these birds can drive up bacterial counts in the water."

Floating debris, oil, discoloured water, bad odours and excessive weed growth are other potential signs that the beach may be unsafe for swimming. Prolonged hot weather can

promote the growth of bacteria in the water, as can the actual water temperature. For example, shallow beaches tend to have warmer water and a higher potential for bacterial growth. Says Gandhi: "If you have any doubts about water safety, it's best to avoid the beach and try again when conditions improve."

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Notice of Special Council Meeting

Please take notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre Room #3 located on 55 Parkside Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider the following:

- Report #18-027 Community Services Department awarding of the Request for Proposal
- CSD 18-02 Integrated Project Delivery Team for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre (Arena and Community Centre Renovations);
- To authorize the execution of an agreement between PerfectMIND and the Township of Minden Hills for Recreational Software. (Amended Agreement)
- Report #18-021 Environmental and Property Operations Department awarding of the Request for Tender - EPO 18-01 Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services for the Municipality's Waste Disposal Sites;
- Report #18-045 Planning Department awarding of the Request for Proposal - BPP 18-01 Consulting Services for the creation of a Village of Minden Community Improvement Plan;
- Planning Department to provide an update on Report #18-043 Planning PLH2017065 Fulfilment of Condition regarding alternative options to fulfill the conditions verses a donation; and
- To receive a presentation from Jay Amer, Amer and Associates Consultant, regarding the presentation of a Draft Economic Development Plan; and
- For Council to proceed into a Closed Session meeting for the purpose of discussing two items:
- One pursuant to section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, related to a position, plan procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality; and
- One pursuant to section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, related to labour relations or employee negotiations.

For information regarding the awarding of CSD 18-02 Integrated Project Delivery Team Arena Renovations; or the amendments to the PerfectMIND Agreement, please contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

For information regarding the awarding of EPO-18-01 Landfill Monitoring, please contact Ivan Ingram, Environmental and Property Operations Manager, iingram@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 216.

For information regarding the awarding of BPP 18-01 CIP Village of Minden Community Improvement Plan; or the update on PLH2017065 Fulfilment of Conditions, Please contact the Planner, Ian Clendening at iclendening@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 206.

For information regarding the Draft Economic Development Plan, Please contact Vicki Bull, Deputy Clerk, vbull@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 215.

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Meetings and Events

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July 18 - 9:00 AM, Special Council Meeting
July 26 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting
August 30 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August, October, November and December

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NOTICE: Proposed Road Naming By-law

Take Notice that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, at its Regular Council Meeting, held on July 26, 2018 will consider a by-law to provide for the naming and renaming of private roads for the purpose of accommodating the addition/revision of private road names within the Township of Minden Hills.

The proposed change to the Township of Minden Hills Road Naming By-law is the renaming of a private road from Wrangler Trail to Tranquility Bay Lane.

A copy of the proposed By-law is available from the Township Office during regular business hours or by visiting the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca.

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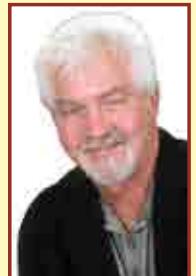


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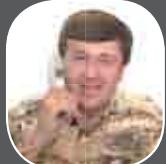
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Highlander sports

Three years for triples tennis in Haliburton

By Lisa Gervais

For the third year running, Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman are hosting the annual Maple Leaf/Haliburton Triples Tennis Tournament July 17 at Rotary Park.

It's a tournament involving members of their tennis club at Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club in Port Charlotte, Fl. and members of their Monday, Wednesday, Friday tennis group in Haliburton.

Papiez said many of the Maple Leaf visitors are Canadian snowbirds who travel south for the winter.

"The tournament has grown in popularity, and this winter, while in Florida, we received new requests from players to attend the event this July in Haliburton. We will have 50 people visiting Haliburton for the week of the tournament. While the majority of tennis players are from southern Ontario, we also have confirmed bookings from as far away as Michigan, New York and Quebec."

He said the tournament is a popular draw, but, in addition, the feedback that they have gotten is that everyone loves Haliburton

and the surrounding highlands and lakes, "so it makes for a lovely mid-summer getaway."

In order to encourage as much participation as possible, they play triples tennis, which means that each team has three players, and they're able to have 12 players at a time using the two courts.

"This is a new game to most of our Haliburton friends and we have had fun teaching them the fundamentals of this version of tennis," Papiez said.

He added that Andrea Meuller of Dysart's parks and recreation department has been a big support.

"The tennis courts are in need of repair and a volunteer work crew is being assembled to repair the cracks and paint the tennis surface.

Visitors will be either staying in motels or are being billeted for the Monday and Tuesday nights. They will have time to visit the town and get a feel for the county and also spend some time on the water. Some will be extending their visit for the rest of the week and through the weekend."

The tournament will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Racers fly around the track. Photo by Chris Bishop.

Popular mountain bike series back at Sir Sam's

A total of 340 racers from Ontario and Quebec descended on Sir Sam's Ski and Ride last weekend for the Ontario Cup 4 race series. A pre-ride took place Saturday and the race was Sunday. Haliburton competitor Nick Emsley finished in 17th place in the senior elite men's category. The annual event is organized by Superfly Racing. Sir Sam's hosted the last two provincial championships. (Mark Arike)

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Canoe FM on-air hosts Doug Hall and Cathy Mcilmurray inform listeners about the phone-in auction packages. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Online auction a new twist on Radiothon

By Mark Arike

Canoe FM did things a bit differently for its 10th annual Radiothon.

The non-profit station's largest fundraiser started at 7 a.m. on July 6 and wrapped up at 6 p.m. on July 8. This year, they opted not to include live entertainment on the lawn due to the two-day Haliboo MusicFest in Head Lake Park. They introduced an online auction portal with items ranging in value from \$250 to \$865, pop-up auctions featuring locally-donated items and a \$1,000 grocery shopping spree contest.

"We have to use the Radiothon money for operations," said station manager Roxanne Casey.

The station's annual operating budget is \$230,000. Some of the regular expenses

include SOCAN fees, salaries and equipment upgrades. (There are three paid employees, including Casey. More than 100 volunteers contribute their time.)

Casey hopes to earmark some of the funds for a repeat transmitter. It will be installed somewhere in Minden and will strengthen their signal in the area. Other areas that will need an improved signal are Kennisis Lake and Cardiff.

"We want to make sure we have the money so we can start to do something," she said.

Last year's Radiothon raised \$32,000. The final total for this year won't be known until later this month due to the ongoing auctions.

About 60 volunteers, including on-air hosts, pitched in.

Church group raises \$1,200 for Canoe FM

The Church in Haliburton group donated nearly \$1,200 to Canoe FM on July 6 with proceeds from its recent Scott Woods concert. Woods, a renowned Canadian fiddler, and his band performed to a sold-out crowd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The money will help the non-profit radio station buy a repeat transmitter to improve its signal in parts of the county. The Church in Haliburton represents several churches in town. *(Mark Arike)*

Church in Haliburton representatives present a cheque to Canoe FM. From left, Lyn Ritchie, Harry Morgan, Jan Tedford, Jim Frost, station manager Roxanne Casey, Keith Burley, Ron Murphy, Marilyn Frost and Nicholas Christopher Botticella. *Photo by Mark Arike.*



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Thurs. July 12 – Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers at Kawartha Dairy

Wed. July 18 – Algonquin Outfitters with Kayaks on the Gull River

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Come in! Tell us what you think!

DATE AND LOCATION OF OPEN HOUSE

Date: Saturday, July 21st, 2018

Time: 9 AM – 12 PM

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In accordance to Art's wishes, cremation has taken place. To celebrate Art's life, a private family gathering will be held at the cottage at a later date.



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Runners take off for the first race of the day during the seventh annual Katie's Run. See more coverage on p.6. Photo by Felix Wong.



The only job so far where I've had to actively take and select selfies. I'm a millennial, so I guess selfie prowess runs in my blood – at least I'm finally putting it to some sort of good use. Photo of Felix Wong by Felix Wong.

Highlander intern floats down the Gull

By Felix Wong

A day before my work week was scheduled to start, I got an email from my editor. She had forwarded me some information about the Minden River Run with the message: "Sunday job – what other job lets you float down a river?"

As I passed the midway mark of my *Highlander* internship sometime around Canada Day, I took a moment or two to reflect upon a two-month work experience that hasn't quite resembled any other. I've had the opportunity to do what I assume as a city boy are very "cottagey" activities: taking pictures in the forest while getting stung by an assortment of disagreeable insects, interviewing a biker who crashed into a moose and getting stranded in the middle of the woods with no GPS signal.

So I suppose it's only fitting that I've also now spent a Saturday afternoon getting paid to literally float down the Gull River in the company of the glorious sun.

My laidback adventure began with a short morning drive to Minden from Haliburton, where I had just covered two fundraiser events. When I arrived at the river run booth in front of the old fire hall – 5 Pritchard Lane – I was surprised to find only two organizers sitting at the booth and a lady asking when the next shuttle bus was scheduled to depart. Naturally, I asked where everyone was and whether or not I had actually arrived at the right location.

"It's been a slow day," said Barb McCallum, who helps operate the river run on weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. alongside her partner Rob Rutkowski, "but you'll be our first customer!"

She attributed the dearth of participants to the cool weather and the fact that most people had already come by the week.

before, during the Canada Day festivities.

"Will the water be cold?" I asked.

"No, but your butt will definitely get wet," she replied, eyeing my jeans.

I admitted I had forgotten to dress accordingly, stupidly assuming the water wouldn't be passing through the seat of the float and as a result, I wouldn't be getting myself too soaked. Boy, was I wrong. The tube's seat was made of mesh, and when I first sat down in the river I knew that upon emerging from the water I was going to look as though I had wet myself and then some. But more on that in a bit.

Back at the booth, McCallum and her employee, Dawson Allore, put my keys away safely and had me sign a few forms. Then they strapped on my wristband for the noon shuttle bus and we chatted for a bit about my job at the newspaper as we waited for my ride to arrive.

As I wound up being the only participant in the noon float, I was treated to a private ride in a yellow school bus to the beach at the head of the river. I brought my lifejacket with me and left my boots and socks behind at the booth. Yes – I was also stupid enough to wear boots instead of flip-flops – but McCallum was kind enough to offer to bring them to me at the end of the ride.

The journey begins

After a short ride to the beach, courtesy of driver Jill Hamilton, I met head honcho Rutkowski, who had me sign a waiver and brought me two water bottles. He also initialed my wristband and read me some rules: no alcohol, no picking up rocks from the riverbank, no throwing stuff (although he admitted he had participated in a few crab-apple fights back in the day).

As we waded into the middle of the river, it was only then that I realized how drenched I was about to get, and exactly

how bad of an idea it was not to bring a bathing suit. I tried rolling up my jeans to no avail, giving up all hope when Rutkowski asked me to sit in the float, which soaked my entire lower body plus most of my t-shirt.

Good thing my phone was water-resistant – I needed it as proof I had indeed gone to work that day (proof being taking selfies while lounging to the max and whatnot).

The first part of the ride was the most difficult, believe it or not – not that I'm implying the ride was difficult in the slightest. Floating down a very calm river on a hot day is not what anyone – except perhaps an aquaphobe – might call an extreme sport. Anyway, it was the most challenging segment mostly because I was stuck at a 90-degree bend for a good 10 minutes or so as the wind pushed me one way and the current another. I struggled helplessly to paddle around the corner with my bare hands but mother nature wasn't helping me out in the slightest.

Down the river I go

After a brief tussle against the relentless wind, I finally managed to centre my float and resume my leisurely voyage down the river. As I took a few selfies and uploaded them to *The Highlander*'s Facebook page, I very narrowly avoided crashing into a few pointy dead branches. I'm pretty sure that had I crashed into them head-on, they would have punctured the inflatable float and left me stranded float-less an hour from my destination. Lesson learned – don't text and float, kids.

Soon after, I passed a few Canadian geese with a few miniature baby geese in tow. I tried my best to steer clear of them, as I wasn't too keen on having protective maternal geese peck my float out if I happened to unintentionally drift towards them while sprawled half-asleep on my

backside.

Although the ride itself was generally quite uneventful, it was nice to be able to shut out the minutia of everyday life and just take in the beauty of the nature around me. Other (rather uneventful) events that transpired: I winked at a group of pretty girls as they floated by and I chatted with two tattooed, long-haired dudes paddling down the river with their families about how I was getting paid to literally just sit on my butt for two hours straight.

Land ahoy!

The ride concluded before the third bridge of the Gull River as I spotted McCallum waiting for me by the riverbank.

"We thought we lost you in the river!" she exclaimed half-jokingly as I paddled towards her. She had told me beforehand that my epic journey would take 45 minutes to an hour, tops, but somehow, I ended up floating for a good two hours and 10 minutes, all thanks to the wind and lackadaisical current.

After clambering out of the river, I hauled the lifejacket and tube back to the booth in front of the old fire hall, returning the gear I had borrowed and picking up my keys.

Before I left, I asked the two guys manning the booth exactly how wet my jeans looked.

"How bad is it?" is how I phrased it, I think.

"It's worse around this area," one of them said, gesturing towards my pelvis.

"That's just great," I muttered. Nevertheless, I bravely stepped into the nearby LCBO – where the clerks were kind enough to stare but not ask – and I purchased a small bottle to celebrate the end of another long, hard day of work.

And a job well done at that, if I do say so myself.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott releases a butterfly in a past Monarch release. *File photo.*

SIRCH and HHOA partner for annual butterfly release

By Mark Arike

An extremely popular fundraiser, that was launched by SIRCH Community Services four years ago, has a new partner and venue.

The non-profit organization has teamed up with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association for "Monarchs and Music: A celebration of Butterflies and Music." Formerly known as the Release of the Butterflies, the event has raised thousands of dollars for bereavement programs.

This year, the July 15 event will collect money for two of SIRCH's children's programs and the HHOA's fish stocking program.

For \$50, supporters will get access to a

full-day of live music and be given one monarch butterfly to release. Children 16 years of age and under are admitted for free. Tickets for the music only are available at the gate for \$15. All of the festivities will take place on the grounds of the fish hatchery, located off County Road 1 in Haliburton.

"The HHOA is about the outdoors," said HHOA vice-president Rusty Rustenburg, explaining why the partnership makes sense. "We're creating more habitat for butterflies. It's part of the ecosystem here."

They were considering organizing a summer concert when the connection was made with SIRCH, said Rustenburg.

"They thought it was a great idea," he

said.

Also a non-profit, the HHOA stocks fish in local lakes and provides educational opportunities for youth at no cost. Its volunteers are in the midst of installing a butterfly and bee garden at the hatchery.

The concert will feature performances by James Boraski, Custom Blend, B&B Blues, Swingin' Black Jacks, Chuckee Zehr, Buckthorn and Quincy LePalm. Patrick Monaghan of Canoe FM will emcee the festivities.

For the event, the HHOA has transformed its 53-foot deer feed trailer into a stage complete with lights and radio antenna for a speaker system. This was made possible with a grant from the Haliburton County Development

Corporation. Hawk River and James Baldry Construction built the stage with donated wood from the Haliburton Forest. The HHOA plans to rent it out in the future.

There will also be food vendors and a free shuttle. The day starts at 11 a.m. and finishes at 7:30 p.m.

Rustenburg said there are plans to host a special celebration concert next year, most likely in partnership with SIRCH.

People are encouraged to purchase their monarch package in advance. Call 705-457-1742 to order using VISA or MasterCard or stop by the SIRCH office in Haliburton.

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Rock bands hit the stage at Haliboo MusicFest

Tribute and local bands rocked the Head Lake Park stage on July 6 and 7 as part of Haliboo MusicFest. Performances began on early Friday afternoon with bands including: Gord Kidd and Friends, County Road One, Eagles tribute band New Kids in Town, Beatles tribute band The Rattles, Rolling Stones tribute band Hot Rocks, Bowie Lives and AC/DC tribute band Thunderstruck. Hot Rocks brought the crowd back to the 70s with classic Rolling Stones hits like *Brown Sugar* and *Gimme Shelter*. Bowie Lives featuring crooner Michael Bell followed up with classics such as *Let's Dance* and *Ziggy Stardust*.

"People were digging it, people were dancing and everything," said Bowie Live saxophonist Matt Lagan. "The sound was great; it was our first time playing outside. We're a pretty loud band but thankfully I didn't have to wear earplugs and I could hear everything."

The following day's lineup featured Platinum Blonde, Steely Dan tribute band Pretzel Logic, Journey tribute band Virtual Journey, Bon Jovi Forever, U2 tribute band Desire, local rockers Wescalii, Cassidy Taylor and Wrong Jeremy.

"One of the most surprising bands tonight was County Road One," said organizer John Teljeur on the first night of the event. "I've heard them before – a little bit in the background – but they were unbelievable. And they're a local band!"

"I've walked around and talked to a lot of people and they go 'this is awesome,' because you don't generally expect this, right?" he added. "The park generally doesn't have a lot going on – a few festivals and stuff – but to see music in the summertime on the lake – it's awesome."

On Saturday, Teljeur said the event will be back next year.
(Felix Wong)



Top left: Michael Bell, centre, strums an acoustic guitar and sings a David Bowie classic during the Bowie Lives performance at Haliboo MusicFest on July 6. Top right: Sergio Galli, Platinum Blonde guitarist and vocalist. Middle: Cassidy Taylor, formerly known as Cassidy Glecoff, hits the stage with her band on Saturday afternoon. The local artist performed originals and cover tunes. Bottom: Suds (and bodies) were flying at the soap hockey demo in Head Lake Park. Photos by Mark Arike and Felix Wong.



Raising awareness for the Special Olympics

Members of the OPP joined the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympic Athletes on July 7 for their annual torch run, raising \$1041.35 and awareness. The torch run began at the A.J. LaRue Arena, with the athletes also travelling to Kinmount and Minden. The money will go towards the Red Wolves' transportation budget as well as new equipment for the athletes. Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Robin Carmount, officer Tim Negus and auxiliary officers Cortney Crowe, Kelsi Eno and John Fountain took part. (Felix Wong)

Top: Members of the Haliburton Red Wolves and OPP pose for a photo during the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympic Athletes torch run on July 7. Bottom: Athletes pose for a photo. Photos by Felix Wong.

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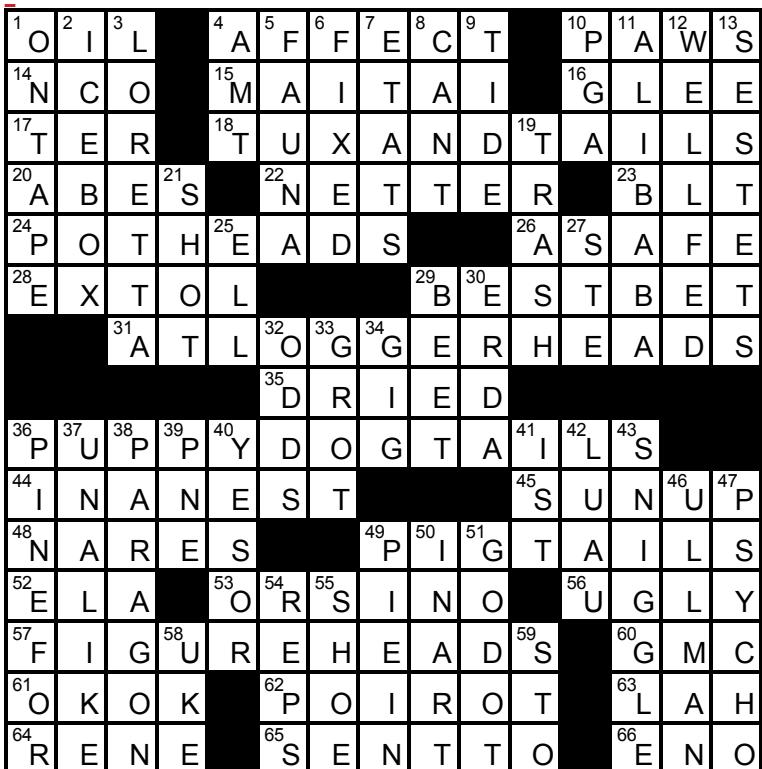
Seventh Katie's Run raises \$40k

The turnout for the seventh annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on July 7 was bigger than any other run in the event's history. Supporters participated in various walks and runs, including a 5 km and 10 km trail run as well as a stroller, wheelchair and dog-friendly 2.5 km family walk/run. The event began at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, with speeches from organizers as well as Global Toronto's chief meteorologist Anthony Farnell. After the runs, there were speeches from Katie Woudstra, whose battle with epilepsy inspired the event's creation six years ago and Alex Kopacz, a 2018 Olympic bobsleigh gold medallist. There were more than 150 participants and 80 volunteers at this year's event. All funds raised will go towards the Ontario Brain Institute to raise money for epilepsy research. Organizers say they surpassed a \$40,000 goal. (Felix Wong)



NO CHEATING

Crossword Solutions July 12



Top: A volunteer belts out instructions through a megaphone to runners at the start line during the seventh. Middle: Participants warm up before their run. Bottom: Runners get off to a flying start during the seventh annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on July 7. Photos by Felix Wong



Top: Guest artist Patricia Bormanis admires one of her quilts. She displayed her work at the home of the late Shelley Beach. Bottom: Marleen Campbell with one of her many oil paintings. Photos by Mark Arike.

Kennisis Lake artists show talent

By Felix Wong

Approximately 40 artists showcased paintings, handcrafted jewelry, quilts and more at the fourth annual Art on the Dock (AOTD) art exhibition event on Kennisis Lake.

The event, organized by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA), takes place every summer in the cottages, garages and on the docks and decks of artists who live around the lake. This year's event was held on July 7 and 8. Visitors toured the lake viewing and purchasing items that interested them from about 20 different locations.

AOTD was originally envisioned as a "lake community event," said KLCOA vice president Janis Parker. "Large lakes need these events to introduce like-minded cottagers [to] the knowledge that many wonderful artists live on our lake."

This year's event featured artists such as painter Karen Hague, who works primarily with fluid acrylics; chef Brenda Kessel-Jones, who creates handcrafted lasagnas from scratch; and photographer Jeff Martin, who uses DSLR and drone cameras to produce his images.

Woodworker Keith Higgins has been visiting his beach cottage on Kennisis Lake since 1985 and showcased many of his handcrafted birdhouses at this year's AOTD.

"I was inspired to build birdhouses while sitting in our yard when I was boy wondering where the birds lived. With my dad's help I made my first birdhouse," said Higgins. "From then on I got involved in woodworking projects and continue to enjoy the creativity and pleasure people get when they receive one. Some are simple in design, some quirky, some whimsical, but all include wood and stone sourced from many different places," he added.

Exhibitors – all members of the KLCOA – are asked to make voluntary contributions to the Haliburton Highlands Artists in the Schools program. Last year, \$4,000 was raised through AOTD. They hope to raise even more this year.

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Sharon Lawrence reads during the 2017 Tall Pine Tales. Photo submitted by Pauline Johnson

An evening of storytelling

By Felix Wong

Writers from Muskoka will be joining their peers from Haliburton county July 18 as they read their stories aloud at the sixth annual Tall Pine Tales. The event is an opportunity to raise the profile of Haliburton writers while also providing them with an opportunity to socialize, network, showcase their work and check out the work of fellow writers.

Haliburton radio personality Mike Jaycock will be emcee for the evening. There will be four writers from Haliburton: Sharon Lawrence, Marie Gage, Ruth Walker and Pauline Johnson. They will be joined by Judy Snodden from Bracebridge and Joe Ingham and Wendie Donabie from Baysville.

Tall Pine Tales takes place three times during the summer, once in Haliburton, Baysville and Bracebridge. It is organized by members of the Reading/Writing Connection.

"It has been said that for an ordinary event to become an adventure, it's necessary to turn it over to a storyteller. There are many storytellers in Haliburton, people who know all about the adventurous spirit that inspires those living in a region like the Highlands," said organizer and author Pauline Johnson.

Tickets are \$25 for a summer buffet which will begin at 6 p.m. If you wish to only attend the readings you can purchase a ticket for \$10 at the door for the 7 p.m. reading.



Meet the Cottagers The Snoddon family

Gary Snoddon lives with his wife at their cottage at Canning Lake. They have had the cottage for 15 years but only started living there permanently two years ago. Sometimes their kids and grandkids come to visit them. They like the fact that the winters are quiet and there aren't many people around. Their kids and grandkids participated in Haliburton's Storm the Trent Race in May. (Felix Wong)



Just for the health of it ...

Meghan Reid of Just Movement Fitness in Minden leads a pound class during a past Haliburton Highlands Health and Wellness Expo. Another one is coming up this Saturday, July 14, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Head Lake Park. It will feature vendors and workshops. Admission is by donation to the Food Bank or Heat Bank. File Photo.

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October Browne sings beyond the campfire

Folk singer and guitarist October Browne performed an hour-long set of sing-a-long covers and original compositions at Fleming College on July 5. She opened her set with a few tunes alongside her "Guitar - Campfire & Beyond" students, accompanying them on mandolin and playing finger-style guitar solos on songs such as California Dreaming. Born in London, England, she began busking there at the age of 13 and has now played guitar for more than 30 years and sung for 20. So far, she has released four CDs on which she plays guitar, mandolin, cittern, bodhran and fiddle. Browne regularly tours Canada as both a soloist and in collaboration with other talented musicians. (Felix Wong)

October Browne's students perform at Fleming College on July 5. Browne strums her guitar during her performance. Photos by Felix Wong

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Thursday July 12

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Kawartha Dairy, Minden.

7 p.m. – Euchre Night at Harcourt Community Centre. Every Thursday night.

7 – 9:30 p.m. Pickleball Thursday evenings, at Haliburton High School gymnasium. Come on out and see what pickleball is all about! Cost is \$2 per night, rackets are provided. Every Thursday night from July 12th to Aug 16th.

Friday July 13

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

Saturday July 14

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Maple, Beech, & Cameron Lakes area Property Owners Association AGM, at Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. Everyone is welcome, come help plan the future of the MBC Property Association. Light refreshments will be served.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market & Artisans Market, beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

Highlands Health & Wellness Expo, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. vendors, workshops, natural products, massage, fitness, alternative therapies, wild edibles, meditation, mindfulness, and much more! haliburtonhealthexpo.ca

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga at Abbey Retreat Centre. Join us in our new indoor serene setting surrounded by nature for gentle movement and breathing. Admission by donation, all proceeds go to Abbey Retreat Centre.

Noon – 1 p.m. – Noon hour recital, at St. George's Church, 617 Mountain St. Haliburton. Luba Cargill – violin, accompanied by Bill Gliddon – piano. Drop in for any part of the hour, bring lunch if you wish. Admission – optional donation.

Tuesday July 17

10 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tour. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday July 18

7:30 p.m. – Harcourt Bingo, at the Harcourt Community Centre. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Held every Wednesday.

Thursday July 19

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

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Friday July 20

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

Saturday July 21

8 – 11 a.m. – Kinmount Legion Sunday Breakfast. Regular breakfast \$5, Hungry Man breakfast \$8.

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga at Abbey Retreat Centre. Join us in our new indoor serene setting surrounded by nature for gentle movement and breathing. Admission by donation, all proceeds go to Abbey Retreat Centre.

10 a.m. – noon – Bat Box Building Workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days series, at Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, under "events", or call 705-457-3700.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market & Artisans Market, beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. – Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest, sponsored by Haliburton & District Lions Club, at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. \$25 for adults

19+, \$5 for designated drivers and kids over 7, children under 7 free. Music, food vendors, 11 craft brewers, activities for children provided by Haliburton Highlands Museum. 100% of the profits stay in the community. Haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com.

4:30 – 7 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner at Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. \$10/ adults, \$5/kids.

5:30 – 8 p.m. – Wilberforce Family Fun Day, at the Arena in Wilberforce. Penny raffle, exhibits, face painting, mad hatter table, snack bar, and kids games. Early bird browsing of prize tables from 1 – 3 p.m.

Sunday July 22

10 a.m. – Eagle Lake Community Church celebrates our 80th Anniversary! Service at 10 a.m., open house at the church 1 – 4 p.m.

Tuesday July 24

10 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tour. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday July 25

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Sexual Health Clinic, providing clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m. Tuesday fun darts starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$1000 Bingo jackpot - Wednesdays in July & August. Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC. Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

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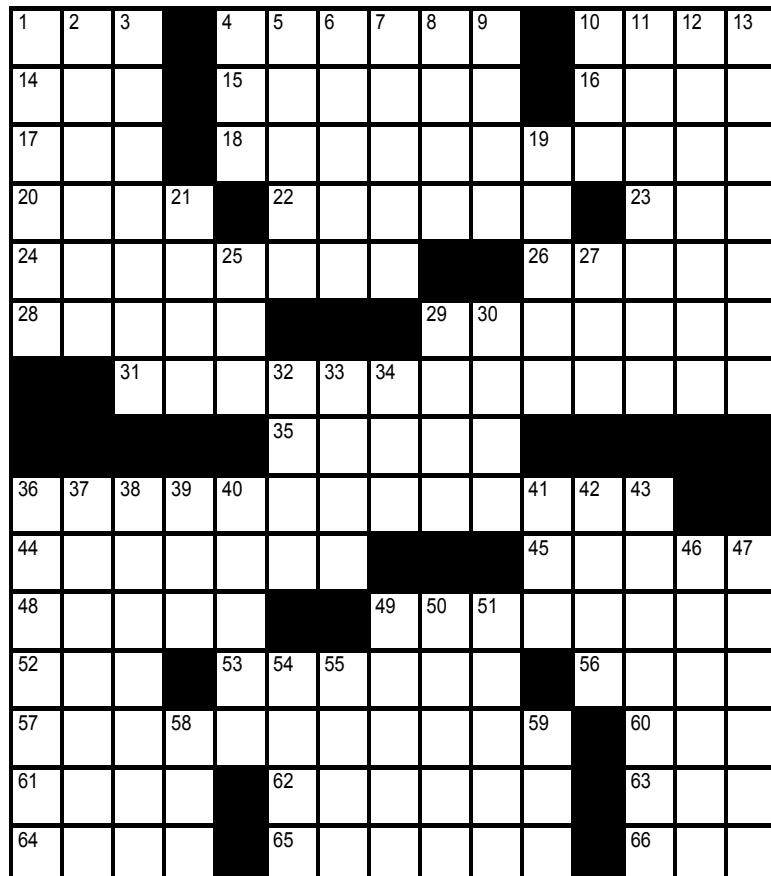
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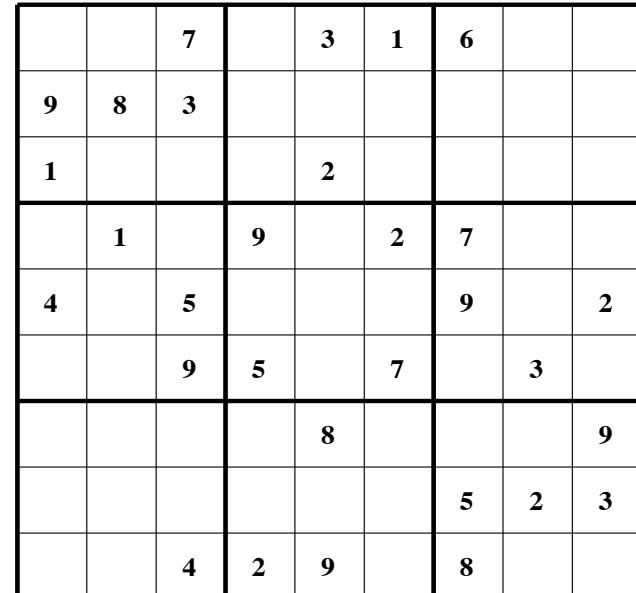
Across

1 Alberta's "black gold"
4 Have an impact on
10 Four on the floor?
14 CFB boss, e.g.
15 Rum drink that means "good" in Tahitian
16 "Woo hoo!" feeling
17 Thrice on an Rx
18 Guy's gala garb
20 Lincoln and Vigoda, for two
22 Empty-__ (certain hockey goal)
23 Non-kosher sandwich choice, briefly
24 Frequent tokers
26 At __ distance
28 Shower with praise
29 Surest thing
31 In bitter disagreement
35 Hung on a clothes line, say
36 Part of a little boy's make-up, in rhyme
44 Most kooky
45 Bat's bedtime
48 nostrils, to an otolaryngologist
49 Pippi Longstocking's hairstyle
52 It might be the end for Pam?
53 Duke in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
56 Like a fairy tale duckling
57 Leaders in title only, as kings and queens
60 Safari and Savana mfr.
61 "I get it, I get it!"
62 Christie's mystery man
63 "Well, __-di-dah!"
64 Boulevard __-Lévesque, Montréal
65 Intended for, as an email
66 Brian of ambient rock

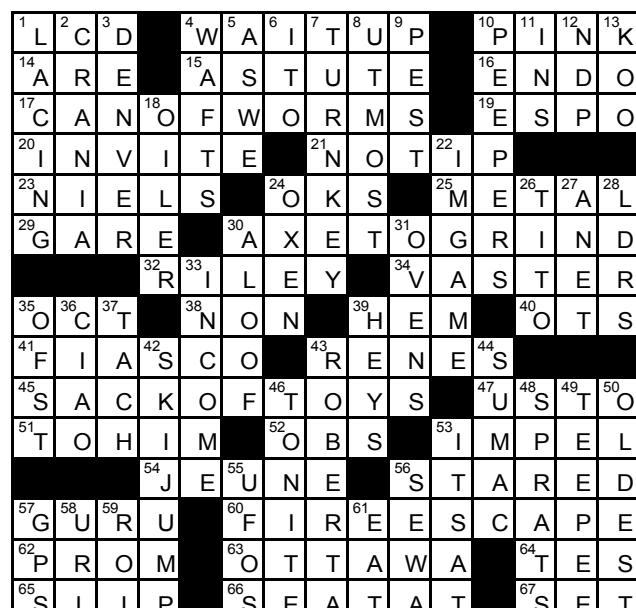
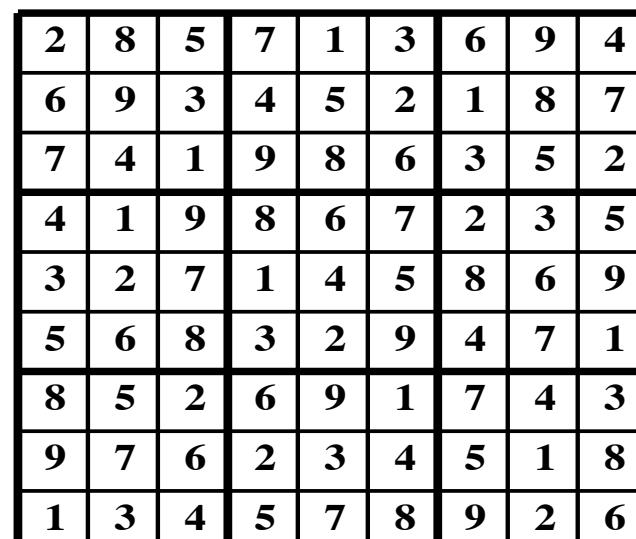


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1 Recorded as evidence, say
2 Great-grandma's "refrigerator"
3 "Hot Lips" portrayer Swit
4 Doz. or oz.
5 Flora's partner
6 Rigged, as an election
7 States: Fr.
8 Quitter's contraction
9 "Orange __" (NDP surge)
10 Birdie watching grp.?
11 "Open, sesame!" speaker
12 Overweight, euphemistically
13 Groups of on-ice hockey players, e.g.
19 Dis passionately
21 Broken beyond repair
25 Capital of Liechtenstein?
27 Sault __ Marie
29 Borsch base
30 Wagner's earth goddess
32 They may be stacked against you
33 Small cave, in poetry
34 Band booking
36 Miss intensely
37 Dissimilar
38 Finest example
39 West coast festival, initially
40 "Make up your mind, __no?"
41 Follower's follower
42 Honolulu hoedown
43 Catch eels with a baited hook
46 Sketch comic and "Small Time Crooks" star Tracey
47 Shower scene thriller
49 __ the sky (unrealistic dream)
50 Major __ History (aspire to work at the Louvre, perhaps)
51 Awaited one, in a Samuel Beckett play
54 Sales agents, briefly
55 Old woman's abode, in a rhyme
58 Something played at a 42-Down
59 I stand: Lat.



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